

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 88

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A RESOLUTION relative to withdrawing the United States from the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America and from any other bilateral or multilateral activity that seeks the economic merger of the United States with any other country.

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush announced the formation of the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP) of North America with the nations of Mexico and Canada on March 23, 2005; and

WHEREAS, at a news conference the same day, President Bush said: “So that the vision that you asked about in your question as to what kind of union might there be, I see one based upon free trade, that would then entail commitment to markets and democracy, transparency, rule of law”; and

WHEREAS, the gradual evolution of a North American Partnership into some “kind of union” or economic merger of the United States, Mexico, and Canada would be a direct threat to the Constitution and national independence of the United States and would imply an eventual end to national borders within North America; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2006, President Bush at Cancun, Mexico, celebrated the first anniversary of the Security and Prosperity Partnership, as confirmed by a White House news release on that same date; and

WHEREAS, this trilateral partnership to develop a kind of North American merger has never been presented to Congress as an agreement or treaty; it has had no Congressional hearings and virtually no Congressional oversight of any kind; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments throughout the United States would be negatively impacted by the SPP/North American process and the “open borders” vision of the SPP, which could result in eminent-domain takings of private property along planned

superhighways and increased law enforcement problems along those superhighways; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the Tennessee Congressional delegation is hereby urged and petitioned to use all their efforts, energies, and diligence to gain the withdrawal of the United States from any further participation in the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America and any similar bilateral or multilateral activity, however named, that seeks to advance, authorize, fund, or in any way promote the creation of any structure or relationship to accomplish any form of North American integration or merger.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to each member of the Tennessee Congressional delegation.